



# CITY OF BERRY HILL

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## Fall 2007 Newsletter

### CITY BEGINS DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN STANDARDS

The Berry Hill Zoning and Planning Commission is working with David Coode and other design professionals of Kimley-Horn and Associates, and with Ron Cooper of Local Planning Assistance, to update Berry Hill's zoning regulations and to develop community design standards to help guide future development in the city. The design guidelines will address issues such as building setbacks/build-to lines, architecture, site design, landscaping, signage, street connectivity, vehicular and pedestrian traffic planning, and open-space preservation. The guideline development process is expected to take six to twelve months and will include public meetings to gather input from stakeholders.

### FALL BULK TRASH PICKUP MOVED TO FRIDAYS

This year, the City's semi-annual bulk trash pickup for Berry Hill residents, usually held the first two Saturdays in November, will be on the **first two Fridays of November, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**. In addition to their regular trash, residents may leave large items at the edge of the street in front of their homes by 7:00 a.m. on either of the two Fridays. Our waste collection contract with PDQ offers this service only to homes with residential trash service in Berry Hill. Items that cannot be picked up due to environmental restrictions are as follows:

- Air Conditioners – unless Freon free certificate is provided
- Freezers – unless freon free certificate is provided
- Refrigerators – unless freon free certificate is provided
- Paint, oil and other hazardous liquids or solids
- Tires and Batteries
- Computers or monitors



If you have a question about a particular item, please call PDQ at 254-6666. The spring and fall cleanups are the only times the city can help you dispose of large items. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

## SATELLITE CITY OFFICIALS ATTEND METRO INAUGURATION

Officials of Berry Hill and Oak Hill attended the inauguration of Metro Mayor Karl Dean, Vice-Mayor Diane Neighbors and the incoming Metro Council on September 21, and then met with Mayor Dean immediately following the ceremony.



Front: Berry Hill Mayor Harold Spray, Metro Mayor Karl Dean, and Oak Hill Mayor Tommy Alsop. Rear: Oak Hill City Manager Bill Kraus, Berry Hill City Manager Joe Baker, Berry Hill Vice-Mayor Polly Haskins, and Oak Hill Vice-Mayor Bill Jacobs.

## LEAF AND LIMB PICKUP



The Berry Hill Public Works Department provides fall leaf pickup for Berry Hill residents and businesses. Please don't bag your leaves. Just rake them to the edge of the street or drainage ditch, being careful not to put them in the ditch. Public Works will pick them up with the city's leaf vacuum.

**Beginning the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month**, Public Works runs chipper routes to collect brush and limbs in the city and continues until all streets in the city have been covered. While extra routes may occasionally be run following storms, chipper service is generally limited to the last week of the month and is not available on request.

If you have brush and limbs, you may leave them at the edge of the street but **please don't mix brush or limbs with your leaves** or place them in your drainage ditch. Public Works cannot dispose of whole trees, tree roots, logs, or limbs with a diameter greater than nine inches or a length shorter than two feet because they will not go through the chipper. No milled lumber may be chipped. **Hired tree cutters and trimmers must remove all materials they cut.**

## FAREWELL TO LONG-TIME RESIDENTS

The Berry Hill Seniors' July picnic offered an opportunity to recognize and wish farewell to Charlie and Frankie McKelvey and Tommy and Samantha Worrall, four long-time city residents and active citizens in the life of Berry Hill, who had recently moved from Berry Hill. Tommy and Samantha served, respectively, as the chairs of the Beer Permit Board and Civil Service Commission. Charlie served as City Commissioner, Mayor, and City Manager and still serves as the city's building inspector. Charlie, Frankie, Tommy and Samantha were all active for many years in citywide events like the summer picnics, Halloween parties, and Christmas open houses and such senior activities as monthly breakfasts/lunches (where Samantha and Frankie have assisted with meal preparation and service) and senior trips (where Charlie and Tommy have driven the bus). To express the appreciation of the city and the seniors group, Police Chief Robert Bennett and Vice-Mayor Polly Haskins presented each couple with a "Key to the City" of Berry Hill.



Tommy and Samantha Worrall and Frankie and Charlie McKelvey

## COMMUNITY CENTER AND AZALEA PARK SHELTER

The Berry Hill Community Center at 404 East Iris Drive and the Azalea Park shelter may be reserved for noncommercial purposes such as showers, receptions or small group meetings. Berry Hill residents and businesses may reserve on a first come/first served basis up to one year in advance, and nonresidents may reserve up to one month in advance. The Community Center has seating for about 30 people in the main room. The Azalea Park shelter has six large picnic tables. There is no charge for using the community center or park shelter if you clean up after your event.

## TRAFFIC SIGNAL NEWS

If you drive down Franklin Pike or Thompson Lane late at night or early in the morning, you might notice a difference. The Berry Hill-maintained traffic signals at the Franklin Pike/Berry Road intersection and Thompson Lane/West Iris Drive intersection have been synchronized to Metro's signals on Franklin and Thompson. Between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am both intersection signals will flash yellow on the primary streets (Franklin and Thompson) and red on the secondary streets (Berry and West Iris). This will eliminate the long wait for a green light during low traffic hours.

Have you noticed that traffic lights are looking a little brighter these days? That's because Berry Hill has been replacing incandescent bulbs, as they burn out, with new LED lights. Compared to incandescent lights, the LED lights have much lower energy usage, much longer life (reducing maintenance costs) and higher visibility (enhancing safety).

Thank you for your patience while the Berry Road/Greystone traffic signal was out of service. The cabinet and controller have been replaced and the signal is back in service. Other equipment upgrades are being planned, hopefully without attendant signal outages.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



The city will host its annual **Halloween Party in Azalea Park** on Halloween night, **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. The menu includes hotdogs, chili, chips, cupcakes and drinks. There will be goody bags for the kids and activities including cakewalks, hayrides, costume contests for all age groups and a bonfire with marshmallows for roasting. The event is free and all Berry Hill residents, business owners and employees, and their families, are invited to attend.

The Berry Hill Merchants Association's "**Holiday Happening**" will be **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Local businesses will have refreshments, specials, discounts, or prize drawings during the event. This is also Christmas Village weekend at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Rumor has it that Santa will be visiting the Pfunky Griddle at the corner of Iris & Bransford from 2 to 4 pm. Bring your camera if you want pictures with Santa.



Be sure to mark **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars. That's when the City of Berry Hill will host its annual **Holiday Open House at Berry Hill City Hall** from 2 to 4 pm. Come join us for some refreshments and a visit from Santa as we celebrate Christmas and the Holiday season. We'll break out the Polaroid so you can have your picture taken with Santa. Nothing will get you in the holiday spirit like some hot-spiced cider and good fellowship.